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SUBJ: SOMALIS FORCE AMERICAN-OWNED AIRCRAFT TO LAND

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1. ON FEB 14 AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 LOCAL TIME SOMALI CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ORDERED DC-9 OPERATED BY AMERICAN CAPITAL AVIATION CORP TO LAND AT MOGADISCIO AIRPORT BECAUSE PLANE HAD INTRUDED ON SOMALI AIRSPACE WITHOUT OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION. STANLEY D. GALLAWAY, PILOT OF THE AIRCRAFT COMPLIED WITHOUT VOLUNTEERING WHO HE HAD ON BOARD. WHEN PLANE LANDED SOMALIS DISCOVERED TO THEIR EMBARRASSMENT THAT PLANE WAS PRIVATE CHARTER AND INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER OF SEYCHELLES AND HIS PARTY.

2. PILOT DRAFTED AND SIGNED LONG-HAND STATEMENT IN WHICH HE STATED THAT ON 9 FEB HAD SENT RETURN REPLY PRE-PAID TELEGRAM FROM HOME OFFICE, LONDON, TO CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, SOMALIA, REQUESTING PERMISSION OVERFLY SOMALIA. SENT SECOND RETURN REPLY PRE-PAID TELEGRAM ON FEB 13 TO WHICH HE ALSO DID NOT RECEIVE REPLY. NEITHER TELEGRAM MENTIONED THAT PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE

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ON BOARD, (PILOT TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER THAT PRIME MINISTER

DECIDED TO JOIN FLIGHT AFTER TELEGRAMS FILED). PILOT REFUELED AT KHARTOUM ON MORNING FEB 14 AND FILED FLIGHT PLAN IN WHICH HE MENTIONED PRIME MINISTER WAS ON BOARD WITH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AT KHARTOUM AIRPORT. FLIGHT PLAN WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN SENT ELECTRICALLY TO ALL AIR CONTROLLERS IN AREA THROUGH WHICH PLANE WOULD TRAVEL, INCLUDING SOMALIA.

3. SOMALIS MUCH EMBARRASSED. MUHAMMED OSMAN, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FIRST ON SCENE AT AIRPORT FOLLOWED SHORTLY BY FOREIGN MINISTER OMAR ARTEH WHO WELCOMED PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY PROFUSELY AND, AFTER WAITING TILL CARAVAN BLACK CARS ASSEMBLED, BUNDLED WHOLE PARTY OFF TO LUNCH. MUHAMMED OSMAN LISTENED TO PILOT'S STORY (AS RELAYED BY CONSULAR OFFICER), THEN SAID FAULT ENTIRELY PILOT'S, THAT DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION HAD CHECKED AND FOUND THAT NEITHER THE TWO TELEGRAMS NOR THE FLIGHT PLAN HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY SOMALI AUTHORITIES. HE ADDED THAT THE PILOT SHOULD NOT HAVE OVERFLOWN SOMALIA WITHOUT PERMISSION IN ANY CASE AND THAT HAVING DONE SO, HE SHOULD HAVE IDENTIFIED HIS PASSENGER WHEN FIRST CHALLENGED BY THE SOMALI AIR CONTROLLER (THE PILOT SAID HE WAS NOT ASKED TO IDENTIFY PASSENGERS, SIMPLY TOLD TO LAND).

4. THE CONSULAR OFFICER ASKED THE PILOT TO TURN OVER HIS COPY OF TELEGRAMS AND FLIGHT PLAN TO LONDON EMBASSY FOR FORWARDING TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO. WE WILL SEND THEM BY NOTE VERBALE TO FOMIN WITH OFFER TO FACILITATE URGENT CLEARANCE REQUESTS AND REPLIES WITH GSDR. WE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SOMALI GOVT CHECK TO INSURE THAT TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS AND FLIGHT PLANS ARE OPERATING EFFECTIVELY.

5. AS INDICATED REFERENCE, SOMALI GOVT IS COVERING ITS EMBARRASSMENT BY OVERLY PUBLICIZING THE INCIDENT. WE MIGHT NOTE HOWEVER THAT HAD HIGH RANKING SEYCHELLES OFFICIAL NOT BEEN ABOARD, WE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAD PROBLEM QUICKLY EXTRICATING AMERICAN PLANE AS CREW FROM INTENSELY SUSPICIOUS SOMALI GOVT.  
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